

## Speakers Bios

### Dr. George Nyabuba



Dr. George Nyabuba is currently a Senior lecturer at the University of Nairobi's School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Prior to joining the University of Nairobi, he was the Managing Editor in charge of the Weekend Editions, and Media Convergence at The Standard Group. Dr. Nyabuba taught Journalism, and Media and Cultural Studies at the University of Worcester in the United Kingdom between September 2005 and September 2008. He also taught international media and communication, and comparative politics at Coventry University also in the UK. Dr. Nyabuba was, between April 2012 and July 2013, the Head of Communications and Public Relations at AFRINIC, the regional Internet registry for Africa based in Mauritius. He has also previously worked at Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission as the head of corporate communications. He is the author of, among other works, *Click on Democracy: Uses and effects of the Internet on Kenyan Politics* (2009) and co-edited With Wambui Kiai *The Media in Kenya: Evolutions, Effects and Challenges* (2011). Dr. Nyabuba's research interests include the sociology of journalism, and new media, journalism and media theory, and comparative media systems. He has a PhD in Media, Politics and History from Coventry University.

## Wangethi Mwangi



### SENIOR ADVISOR, LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr Mwangi provides general editorial and media support to AMI, drawing from his more than 30 years experience in journalism in East Africa. He successfully led and managed AMI's project — the Leadership Guiding Principles for African Media Owners and Managers — from conceptualization, through to research, drafting and launch, making it one of the organisation's flagship projects. He markets the guidelines and trains media leaders on their values as well as providing critical inputs in strengthening AMI's networks in the media industry and with potential non-media supporters. He is a key member of the AMLF organizing and coordinating team. At the time of his retirement from the Nation Media Group, he was the longest serving editorial director in East Africa, guiding the organisation's editorial strategy and strengthening its role as a credible partner in the social transformation of the country. He managed the Nation Media Group's 50 anniversary celebrations in March 2010, for which he produced and edited a seminal volume of speeches, reports and analyses titled *Media and the Promise of Africa*. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Literature in English and Political Science, MBA qualifications in strategic management from Strathmore Business School, an Advanced Management Programme certificate, and a post-graduate diploma in Mass Communications.

## **Eric Chinje**



Mr. Eric Chinje is the CEO of AMI. Mr Chinje was appointed CEO on 1st July 2014. Before taking up his position at AMI, Eric served as Senior Advisor at the KRL International LLC, a Washington-based consultancy specializing in the emerging markets. Prior to that, he was the Director for Strategic Communications at the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, a position he took up at the start of 2012. He was the World Bank's Communications Manager for Africa; he also led the Global Development Program at the World Bank Institute (WBI) and, in that capacity, launched the IMAGE (Independent Media for Accountability, Governance and Empowerment) capacity building program for development journalists in the Bank's client countries. Mr. Chinje spent four years at the African Development Bank in Tunis as head of that institution's External Affairs and Communications Unit. He studied at the Universities of Yaounde (Cameroon), Syracuse (New York) and Harvard (Cambridge, Massachusetts). Other previous positions include journalistic activities, e.g. as Editor in Chief of Cameroon Television and contributing Reporter for CNN World Report. Eric Chinje has received several awards and distinctions. Mr. Chinje is an Officer of the Cameroon Order of Merit and an Officer of the Dutch Order of Orange Nassau.

## **Angel Navuri**



Navuri is the Head of Supplements at the Guardian Ltd, under IPP MEDIA group. The editions cover health and development issues. She pioneered the launch of Tanzania's first agriculture pull-out magazine, Kilimo Kwanza (Agriculture First). This periodic magazine has helped The Guardian newspaper scoop three awards as the leading print product in East Africa in disseminating information on agriculture. Kilimo Kwanza edition acts as a blueprint for other media practitioners in Tanzania and the East African region as a whole, who have used its success to launch similar magazines.

**Muchiri Nyaggah**



Muchiri serves as the Executive Director at the Local Development Research Institute. He previously served as the Deputy Executive Director and Policy Lead at the Open Institute and worked on open data and open government projects at national and sub-national level.

He has worked in technology and innovation consulting for 15 years some of which was spent at Semacraft Consulting Partners, a Nairobi-based multi-disciplinary practice he founded which helped leaders identify opportunities to create and deliver new value for citizens in Africa. His work explores the implementation of international initiatives, their impact on local development and how empowering policy actors and citizens with the right data can result in better development outcomes for all.

He serves on a number of advisory boards including that of DEMO Africa ([demo-africa.com](http://demo-africa.com)) & The Open Institute